

Amendments to House Bill No. 229
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Requested by Representative Scott Reichner

For the House State Administration Committee

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1. Title, page 1, lines 5 through 6.
Strike: "CAMPAIGN" on line 5
Insert: "CERTAIN UNLIMITED POLITICAL PARTY"
2. Title, page 1, line 6.
Strike: "FROM CORPORATIONS"
3. Title, page 1, line 6 through line 7.
Strike: "CAMPAIGN" on line 6 through "BY A" on line 7
Insert: "RECEIPTS FROM"
Following: "POLITICAL"
Strike: "COMMITTEE"
Insert: "COMMITTEES"
4. Title, page 1, line 7.
Strike: "SECTIONS 13-37-128 AND"
Insert: "SECTION"
5. Title, page 1, line 8.
Strike: "SECTIONS 13-35-227 AND"
Insert: "SECTION"
6. Page 1, line 12 through page 1, line 21.
Strike: Section 1 in its entirety
Renumber: subsequent sections
7. Page 1.
Following: "by" on line 26
Insert: "a political committee or by"
8. Page 2, line 4.
Following: "~~(2)~~ (a)"
Insert: "(2) (a)"
9. Page 2, line 29.
Following: line 28
Insert: "(b) A leadership political committee maintained by a political officeholder is considered to be organized on the political officeholder's behalf.
(3) All political committees except those of political party organizations are subject to the provisions of subsections (1) and (2). For purposes of this subsection, "political party organization" means any political organization that was represented on the official ballot at the most recent

gubernatorial election. Except as provided by 2 U.S.C. 441a for contributions to a federal candidate, as that statute reads on [the effective date of this act], a political committee of a political party organization is not subject to aggregate contribution limits for each election in a campaign."

10. Page 2, lines 29 through 30

Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

11. Page 3, line 8.

Strike: "sections"

Insert: "section"

Strike: "are"

Insert: "is"

12. Page 3, line 10.

Strike: line 10 in its entirety

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Rep. Reichner,

As you have requested, the bill with amendment HB022902.aka will do the following things:

- 1) Increases contributions limits to a candidate by an individual or a political committee (except political party committee) to:
 - o Joint Gov/Lt Gov: \$2,500
 - o Statewide other than Gov: \$1,000
 - o Other public office: \$500
- 2) Eliminates the inflation adjustment for individual/political committee contributions in each campaign.
- 3) Eliminates limitations for candidates on receipts from political committees – therefore allowing a candidate to receive contributions maximums (as defined in (1)) from unlimited political committees.
 - o Current law limits a candidate to an overall cap on receipts from political committees, which does not allow any political committee to contribute once the cap has been hit by other political committees.
- 4) Allows unlimited political party organization contributions to a candidate for each election in a campaign (except as provided by federal law for federal candidates)
 - o Federal law limits federal candidates to:
 - Local/state parties combined may give \$5000 to a federal candidate per primary and per general election
 - National party may give \$5000 to a federal candidate per primary and per general election
- 5) Takes out all reference to corporations in the bill. Leaves the law regarding corporate contributions as it stands.

I have cc'ed the House State Admin staffer for her knowledge. The attached amendment has been approved by editing.



HB022902.pdf

With regards,

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